

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

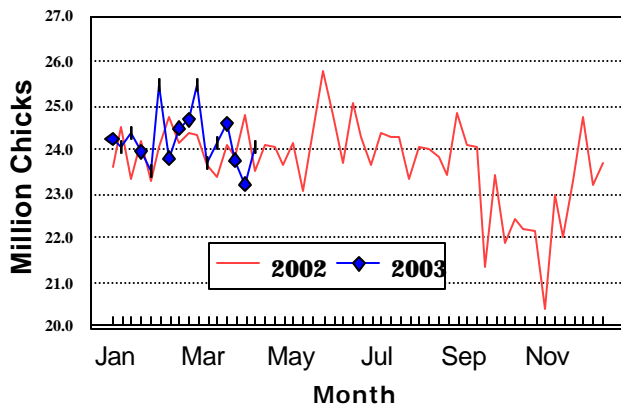
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.1 million during the week ending April 19, 2003. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.62 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 19, 2003 were 387.7 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.7 million, down slightly from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 2.8 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83.5 percent.

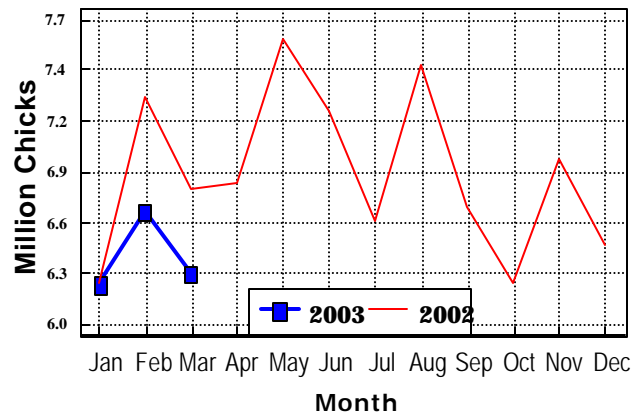
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 19, 2003, up 2 percent from the same period last year, and up only slightly from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.3 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2003, down 7 percent from March 2002.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS
BY WEEK, 2002 - 2003**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2002	2003	
	1,000		
Mar.	23,659	23,738	100
Mar.	23,384	24,173	103
Mar.	24,097	24,592	102
Apr.	23,859	23,750	100
Apr.	24,801	23,255	94
Apr.	23,507	24,054	102

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2001-2002	2002-2003	
	1,000		
Oct.	6,704	6,265	93
Nov.	7,261	6,938	96
Dec.	6,577	6,475	98
Jan.	6,264	6,269	100
Feb.	7,275	6,659	92
Mar.	6,775	6,329	93

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	29-Mar	05-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr		15-Mar	22-Mar	29-Mar	05-Apr	12-Apr	19-Apr	
Alabama	28,110 *	28,204	28,843	28,250	96	21,484	21,568	21,078	21,442	21,439	21,366	101
ARKANSAS	29,511	30,672	30,527	30,670	102	23,738	24,173	24,592	23,750	23,255	24,054	102
Delaware	3,633	3,859	3,753	4,007	114	4,570	4,988	5,270	5,258	4,973	5,266	108
Florida	1,597	1,687	1,491	1,602	68	1,668	1,566	1,632	1,608	1,892	1,638	63
Georgia	31,001 *	32,089	32,081	31,530	98	25,065	25,718	25,472 *	25,057 *	25,162 *	23,921	95
Kentucky	6,368 *	6,775	6,500	6,529	98	4,964	5,343	5,171	5,324	5,945	5,696	100
Maryland	9,516	10,050	10,069	9,924	100	6,260	6,108	6,258	6,592	6,341	5,945	92
Mississippi	19,116	19,229	19,231	19,023	102	15,850	16,374	16,390	16,209	16,425	16,579	103
N. Carolina	19,163 *	18,622	18,904	19,253	95	14,729	15,066	15,134	14,897	15,268	15,033	99
Oklahoma	6,219	6,620	6,458	6,513	99	4,458	4,825	4,357	4,850	5,474	4,389	95
Pennsylvania	3,996	4,010 *	3,821 *	3,854	98	2,358	2,588	2,713	2,655 *	2,564 *	2,654	102
S. Carolina	4,983	4,911	4,958	4,578	98	4,430	3,827	4,020	4,201	3,498	4,088	93
Texas	14,756	14,990	15,153	15,220	99	12,391	12,417	12,265	12,194	11,888	12,314	101
Virginia	6,714	6,521	6,502	6,692	104	5,334	5,258	5,407	5,358	5,149	5,506	110
CALA,MO,TN,WV	20,693	20,821	20,867 *	21,148	101	19,940	19,306	19,566	18,468	19,508 *	18,306	94
Total 2003	205,376 *	209,060 *	209,158 *	208,793		167,239	169,125	169,325 *	167,863 *	168,781 *	166,755	
Total 2002	207,957	212,708	211,681	211,242		171,697	171,084	170,726	168,672	169,829	168,903	
% Prev. Year	99	98	99	99		97	99	99	100	99	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						03-May	10-May	17-May	24-May	31-May	07-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 209 million eggs during the week ending April 19, 2003. This was down 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 167 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 19, 2003. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through April 19, 2003 were 2.66 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.